

August 2010

Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News

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HARC OFFICERS**PRESIDENT: HOWARD BARNES, KØDFW****V-PRES: LUAN SANDBERG, KC9PGS****SECRETARY: FRED MILLER, KBØWIL****TREASURER: TONY GILLILAND, WØPGL****TRUSTEE: CLIFF AHRENS, KØCA****EDITOR: BONNIE SINCLAIR, WBØWAP**

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday
AUGUST 11, at 7:30 PM

Attention!! HARC members: Regular Meetings:
Are now located at the following location
starting on May 12th, 2010. This new location is
just south across the road, and slightly uphill
from Beth Haven Nursing Home. This is still a
non smoking building.

**Beth Haven Pleasant View
641 Euclid Avenue
Hannibal, Mo 63401**

**Enter at the main entrance, turn left to the
elevator. Take the elevator to the second floor,
and the clubs meeting room is directly across
the hallway. See map directions on HARC
website.**

FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2010 **Hannibal, MO ARC 2010 Exam Dates**

October 13th, 2010

Exams will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular
scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will
be at Beth Haven Pleasant View, 641 Euclid St.,
Hannibal, MO. Registration is required at least 72
hours before the exam session by contacting the
team liaison, Fred Miller- KBØWIL at
kb0wil@arrl.net or 573-221-2429.

The 2010 test fee will be unchanged at
\$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or

two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the
original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license;
and if you are claiming credit for successful
completion of an exam, bring the original and
photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES



Minutes by: Fred-KBØWIL HARC-Secretary

DATE: July 14th, 2010

LOCATION: Beth Haven Pleasant View 641 Euclid
Ave. Hannibal Mo.63401

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:
Howie-KØDFW

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion to approve: Ed-WA6JMR

Seconded by: Kermit-KØZXQ

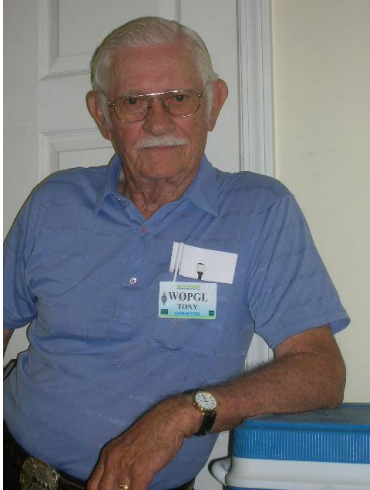
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**TREASURERS REPORT:** Tony-WØPGL

Cash-\$ 897.87 CD-\$1,290.00 Total-\$2,187.87
 Motion to approve: J.D.-WØAJD
 Seconded by: John-KC9MMO

REPEATER REPORT: Fred-KBØWIL

The repeaters are working and sounding great, no problems.

**ARRL Website**

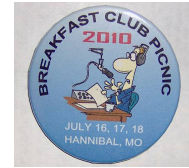
Is brand new, with a new look. If you get time go online and check it out. A lot of new links, and features. <http://www.arrl.org/>

ARRL Memberships:

If you are a member of the ARRL, and renew your membership through the club, we receive a small portion of your renewal fee. If interested, contact Fred-KBØWIL. Thank you to the members who have renewed through the club already.

FIELD DAY JUNE 26TH-27TH 2010:
2A-MO UPDATE:

We operated again this year at Huckleberry Park, in Hannibal Mo. We had 82 CW Contacts, and 362 SSB Contacts. We also had 650 bonus points credited to our overall score. 1702 total points overall. Thanks to everyone who helped set up, tear down, and operate.

BREAKFAST CLUB PICNIC: JULY- 2010
UPDATE:

The BC picnic was on July 16, 17, and 18th, 2010, here in Hannibal. Carol-WA9EFV, Nancy his XYL, Tony-WØPGL, Helen-NØJZV, Bonnie-WBØWAP and J.D.-WØAJD, were in charge of getting everything prepared for this event. It turned out great, the total attendance was approximately 80. The supper on Saturday night was very good, and the music afterwards that Tony, and his boys played was very good as well. Bonnie made the above button, to sell to all the BC group. They have already planned to have it again next year in Hannibal.

HARC CLUB BARBEQUE: JULY 31ST, 2010
(SATURDAY)

We will be having our annual club barbeque on Saturday July 31st, at the Huckleberry Park Pavilion, same location as last year. We are going to be cooking: pork chops, hamburgers, and hot dogs. As usual it will be a carry in of a side dish, desserts, cookies, cakes, salads, etc of the HARC members. Start time is 5:00PM. The barbeque is for HARC members and their families only. Please bring your own silverware. Fred-KBØWIL has taken care of the reservation for the pavilion.

QUINCY HAMFEST AUGUST 7TH, 2010:

The WIARC Hamfest will be on Saturday August 7th, 2010. Plan on attending, and help support, this great hamfest. We don't want to see it leave the area.

REDNECK RETREAT ANNUAL PARTY SUNDAY
AUGUST 8TH, 2010:

The world famous get-together at the Redneck Retreat, will be held again this year. Carol will be there, but Nancy is in charge. So, if you have any important questions, ask Nancy first, Coonie second, and Carol if all else fails, and you're really desperate.

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**HARC SUPPER/GET TOGETHER ON
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5TH, 2011**

We will be going to Fiddlesticks Restaurant next year for the clubs annual supper. Start time 6:00PM. Luan-KC9PGS is in charge of reserving the room.

**HARC-BARBEQUE SATURDAY
JULY 30TH, 2011:**

We voted tonight to have the club Barbeque on Saturday July 30th, 2011, at Huckleberry Park here in Hannibal.
Fred-KBØWIL is in charge of reserving the pavilion.

50/50: Won by Oral-KØUBR, and he donated it back to the club, thanks Oral.

VE TESTING JULY 14TH, 2010

We had three applicants take exams tonight. The VE's were Oral-KØUBR, Ed-NØWNV, and VE-Liaison Fred-KBØWIL.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Luan-KC9PGS for bringing the snacks tonight.
She always brings very good snacks.

Number of members present: 18

Number of guests: 3

Total attending: 21

Motion to adjourn meeting:

Don-KDØHHN

Seconded by: John-KC9MMO

Minutes of the meeting as recorded by:

Fred-KBØWIL HARC-Secretary

*** ARRL Assistant Director Midwest Division***



Man is it ever hot outside! But what else do you expect for Missouri in July! I had a person say to me the other day that it was so hot that he saw a robin in the yard using an oven mitt to pull the worms out of the ground!! Now that is hot! As I'm typing this, it is one week away from our annual bar b que, which is on Saturday, July 31 at 5:00 pm at the Huckleberry Park pavilion. We are having boneless pork chops, and beef burgers, and hot dogs! The club will furnish buns, tea and ice water and you are supposed to bring a covered dish (with food in it) and your table setting. You might want to bring a table cover to eat off of!

We have the annual Red Neck Retreat birthday bash going on. Carol WA9EFV over at Berry, IL is celebrating his 78th birthday, and they do know how to party at the Red Neck Retreat. So, wish Carol a happy birthday, and tell him he is older than dirt! All this is happening on August 8th.

The Quincy Amateur Radio Club is having its annual Hamfest. This is a pretty good Hamfest with a lot of good gear being swapped, so you might want to show up there, and have a good time. All the local people show up and have a good time. I personally have gotten some pretty good deals there. This Hamfest starts early and ends usually after noon. So look up the Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club on the internet and get the scoop on all the info for the hamfest. Be there or be square!

I hear that the low bands have been doing pretty good lately with a lot of contacts with the other side of the planet. So you might want to check it out. There has been some great openings on 6 meters going on so you might want to keep your ear on 50 mhz and see what you can work.

Well, I don' have a lot to discuss on paper

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK
August 2010
BY HOWARD BARNES K0DFW**

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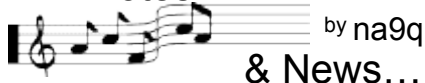
this time but you need to make it to the club bar b
que, and catch up on the local gossip and bring any
gear along that you might want to sell or swap.

73's Howard K0DFW

DX Horizons August 2010 by Mike Nowack NA9Q



DX Notes



DX News and Notes for August,

I am writing this month's column a bit early as we will not have internet service again for at least two or three days. Keeping up with things via email and an occasional look at the internet has been quite a problem. It will be good to get back home and to normal everyday activities. As I write this we are sitting in Watson Lake, YT, Canada as we have now turned the RV for home and are working our way slowly in that direction. It is nearly 10:30 PM here and the sun is still high in the northwestern sky. The days are finally getting shorter, sunset will be sometime around midnight. Sunrise will be around 4AM.

This month's news on the DX front includes the following on-going or planned operations:

9J – ZAMBIA, JF1OKX, is active as 9J2KK from Lusaka through September 30. Activity is on 80 through 6 meters with emphasis on PSK31, RTTY,

WSJT and SSTV with some SSB and CW thrown in. QSL to JK1NSR.

IS0 - SARDINIA, I2MOV, is active as IS0/I2MOV through the end of September. Activity will be exclusively CW on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6 meters. QSL via his home call sign, by the Bureau or direct.

J2 - DJIBOUTI, F5IRO, will be active for the coming two years as J28RO. Activity will be mostly limited to his Fridays and Saturdays. Operation will be CW, SSB and digital modes. Look around 1200-1300 UTC and QSL to F8DFP via bureau or direct.

SU - EGYPT. SU/HA3JB will be active between September and November 2010. Activity is planned for CW, RTTY, PSK31 and maybe SSB. QSL via his home callsign direct only with SAE.

S7 - SEYCHELLES. S79DB will be on the air between August 3-14th. Activity will be sporadic as this will be a vacation visit. Look on 40-10 meters, CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via his home callsign EA4DB.

XU - CAMBODIA. ON4JW, is active as XU7AJW from Sihanouk Ville until August 14th. Bands/modes detail was not given in advance but look on 80 and 20 meters SSB. QSL via his manager ON7PP.

PJ7 – Sint Maartin. If you have not already heard, there will be a change in administrative status for this island now paired with Saba and St. Eustasius Islands. As a result, Sint Maartin will very likely become a new entity as did St. Bartholomey a couple of years ago. The magic date is 10 Oct 2010 and there is a team of operators planning to be there for the celebration. Operation will be 24/7 for 10 days with plans for 4 stations on the air for the entire period 10 day operation. W8GEX and K9CT are the team leaders and W3HNK will handle QSL duties.

OJ0 - MARKET REEF. Members of the Scandinavian Amateur Radio Teleprinter Group (SARTG) will activate the special callsign OJ0SARTG during the SARTG WW-RTTY Contest (August 21-22nd) as a Multi-Single entry. Look for activity the day before and after the contest on CW, SSB and RTTY with operators signing OJ0/homecall. QSL OJ0SARTG via SM7BHM, direct or by the Bureau.

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9X - RWANDA. DL2RUM, will be in Kigali for business and he hopes to receive his license on Wednesday, July 21st. Tom's callsign will be 9X0TL. This is not a dedicated DXpedition, so activity will be limited to his spare time. He will be there until the end August or the beginning of September. Look for him on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via DL2RUM.

In stead of writing a note about DX this month I would like to deviate a bit and write a few words about our attempt to again operate Field Day 2010 from the Yukon Territory. We had tried this last year but on that trip north we made no real attempt to bring a decent antenna or make plans to be at a good location for the event. Things just kind of happened. In 2009 we ended up in a narrow mountain valley campground near Teslin, YT without any tall trees to hang antennas from. As a result we used a ground mounted vertical and a Hustler mobile antenna mounted on the back of the RV. Operating was a real challenge as it was extremely hard to make other stations hear us using the FT100D at 100 watts.

This year we brought along a 80-10M G5RV and a 40M dipole as well as a wrist rocket and plenty of ropes to make it possible to hang them as high as the trees would allow where ever we were. As Field Day approached we found ourselves near Whitehorse, YT and decided to try a camp ground in a park near there at Takhini Hot Springs. Nice high mountain top location. We spoke to the campground managers the Friday before FD and got clearance to use several of the many trees scattered around the grounds to support antennas. The only restriction was that our activities could not affect other campers there.

So back we went early Saturday morning and it took a couple of hours to get everything set up and the antennas up. Many of the pine trees around the selected site were well over 70 feet so height was not a problem. Once the event started it became evident other issues were going to keep this from being an easy task. As with last year, the problem was making our station heard. Those stations we did work were mainly in the northwestern US; W6, W7 and W0's with a few VE6 and VE7's thrown in.

The 40 20 and 15 Meter bands were open but the physical separation of our location from the rest of

the US really seemed to be the issue. We could hear many stations from around the US but could not overcome the signals from other stations who would also be calling. Overcoming that separation in a contest where everyone else operated from within an area with a radius smaller than the distance from our location to the center of activity was the problem. Frustrating to say the least. Many times we were able to finally work a station after calling several times but only if no other station was calling. We were always the weak signal. Even QRP stations covered our signal.

We still had fun but in the end the results were not much different from 2009 despite the better location and better antennas. Now I know why over the years it has been rare to hear stations from the NWT section or from AK in the usual crowded bands on Field Day. It may not be so much the rare location as much as the effects of operating from that distant location.

Next month I'll return to DX issues and notes with a topic related to DX. See you then. Remember, work 'em first, worry later. Thanks for information in this article go to the ARRL DX Bulletin and the OP DX Bulletin. - Mike NA9Q

HARC MONDAY NIGHT NET CALL LIST OF VOLUNTEER OPERATORS AUGUST 2010

2	KDØHHN	DON
9	N9UPG	BILL
16	WØPGL	TONY
23	KØDFW	HOWARD
30	KC9PGS	LUAN

THANKS TO ALL!

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GOOD UPDATE ON AREA REPEATERS

The 146.700 at Monroe City is up, and linked to 145.190. The 146.835 is up, and linked to the 145.190, and they have a beam at Louisiana headed at Hannibal & Quincy to receive into the 145.190 machine. Gary NØSYL said to put the word out. So now we should have a pretty good link to National Weather Service at St. Louis, as they do use 145.190. OK the word is out. Keep an eye on the sky. ;-) 73's Oral KØUBR

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*Of all the gifts you could give
A US Soldier, Prayer is the very best one.*

Breakfast Club Picnic held July 16, 17, 18, 2010

Thanks!



We wish to thank everyone for their attendance, participation, and generous donations for all of the activities this year. It was voted that the BC Picnic for 2011 will be held in Hannibal again. Be sure to join us again next year!!

Carol-WA9EFV, Nancy his XYL, Tony-WØPGL, Helen-NØJZV, Bonnie-WBØWAP and J.D.-WØAJD, hosted this year's event. Pins for the event were available for purchase at the sign in table. (Picture above)

Breakfast Club Picnic for 2010 was held in Hannibal, Missouri with around 80 persons in attendance. Friday evening started the event off by meeting at the Mark Twain Dinette for a great get together, for good food, and much visiting. We filled the tables! On Saturday, we met at the meeting place, signed in, and set up many items for the silent auction. The dinner was delicious and the music great. The group met on Sunday morning at the Mark Twain Dinette for a final good-bye breakfast.

NOTE: IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER OF THE BREAKFAST CLUB, YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US ON 80 METERS (3.973) EVERY DAY FROM 4AM TO 8AM. YOU NEED TO HAVE 10 LISTED CHECK INS TO BECOME A MEMBER. IT IS A FUN TIME, AND THE YEARLY BC PICNIC PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET FACE TO FACE WITH OPERATORS YOU HAVE HEARD OR TALKED WITH DURING THE NET. NET CHECK INS ARE FROM ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES.

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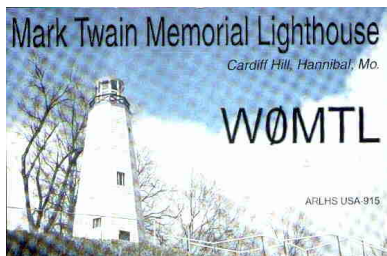
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